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In re U.S. Patent Application  
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Examiner: Kevin McDermott

Serial Number: 09/805,234

Group Art Unit: 3635

Dated: March 14, 2001

Attorney Docket: THIE3001/JEK

For: FLOOR COVERING

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In supplement to the response filed August 14, 2002 in the above application, kindly amend this application further as shown below.

IN THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the last paragraph on page 13 to read:

(M.E.)  
--What makes the first aspect of the invention special is that the above-mentioned panels 2 are provided, at least on two of their edges 3-4 or 5-6 and preferably on all four edges 3 to 6, near the top side, with a part from which an amount of material has been cut-away and removed, which part preferably each time is in the form of a bevel 15. The term "bevel" as used herein is intended to be a generic descriptor for a part cut away and removed from the respective edge of the panel.--

A marked-up version of the amended paragraph is appended hereto to show the revision.

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**THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
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*Sir:*

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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Also enclosed is/are: Marked-Up Version of Amendment

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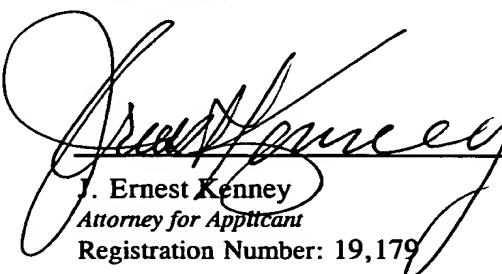


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